



"Gifts for Wildlife"

Many people dread the thought of holiday shopping. The crowds, the inclement weather, and the search for the one toy that seems to be sold out everywhere are definitely deterrents for a good time. When I hear people complain about the hassle of holiday shopping, I can't help but think I must be crazy; I love to shop this time of year! The quest to find the perfect gifts for my loved ones is a rewarding challenge. The anticipation of watching them open their present knowing they are going to love it is more fun than opening my own gifts. I do realize that I am probably in the minority when it comes to loving the craze of holiday shopping. However, I do think that most people enjoy giving gifts. Giving a gift for the holidays doesn't mean you have to battle your way through insanely busy stores or wake up before the sun to find a good deal. You can actually just step out your back door into nature to satisfy your holiday gift-giving needs.

As an employee of the Missouri Department of Conservation, I am always encouraging people to discover what nature has to offer them. Whether it's a peaceful walk in the woods or a fishing excursion with Grandpa, we receive many gifts from Missouri's amazing natural resources.

I encourage you to take some time during the holiday season to give back to the wildlife you care so much about. I understand it can be tricky to find ways to give back to nature, so I've come up with a few ideas for you. Sit down with your family and pick two or three that you want to do together and have fun with it.

- Build a bird feeder - It doesn't have to be complex; even a pinecone smeared with peanut butter and rolled in bird seed will be a delicious gift for the birds.

- Give the gift of fish habitat - Anchor your dead Christmas tree to the bottom of your fish pond to give them that perfect hide away. Please don't use an artificial tree!

- Build a brush pile - While you're out doing your winter yard cleaning, pile your limbs and branches in a tucked away corner to give shelter to birds and rabbits.

- Keep wild animals wild - Remember that our wild animals don't make good pets. Leave any hibernating turtles, lizards, and snakes alone. Don't give them away as gifts.

- Water for wildlife - Find an old dish

or bowl and decorate to your liking. Keep it outside and filled daily with fresh, thawed water.

- Leave that ugly old tree. If it is not a hazard to you or your home, dead, hollow trees provide great nesting cavities for many types of wildlife.

After you've completed a few of these, I think you'll find the results to be therapeutic. There are many benefits to giving gifts to wildlife. All of these activities involve getting you outside. While you're out, look for tracks in the snow or wildlife in the bare branches of the trees. We can learn a lot about our wild neighbors just by observing. Take advantage of the calm and peace of a Missouri winter and soak it up. Having the opportunity to avoid life's hustle and bustle for a couple of hours just might give you enough courage to tackle the dreaded holiday shopping. You'll also receive the benefit of knowing that you made a difference and helped to make Missouri a great place to hunt and fish.

Angela Pierce
Naturalist

Text 'nature' to 91212 to receive text reminders on your cell phone about events at the Cape Nature Center.



Volunteer Corner

Join the team to make a difference!

Many times during this past year, I have witnessed people's interests and attitudes on various subjects change – all because of an interaction with nature center volunteers. Members of our Naturescaping Team have caused more backyard acreage to become better fit for wildlife through their interactions with visitors. Volunteers serving as Conservation Ambassadors provided a warm welcome to many new visitors and checked out fishing equipment to numerous children who caught their very first fish. Our Animal Care Assistants ensured that Missouri's wildlife on display in the exhibit gallery was in excellent condition so that people could be amazed by the beauty and complexity of these animals. Conservation Naturalists provided hands-on training for first-time hunters, answered intriguing questions from inquiring minds, and promoted conservation practices through presentations and at community events. It's encouraging to see a group of committed people volunteering their time and skills to make a difference in people's lives.

If you are interested in joining such a group of people, you're encouraged to attend the **volunteer information reception Thursday, December 5 at 6:30pm**. You'll learn more about the program, its opportunities and requirements, hear from current volunteers about their involvement and experiences, and receive answers to your questions.

The Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is currently taking applications for volunteers in the following four areas. Following acceptance into the program, new volunteers attend training classes and receive hands-on preparation according to their interests and involvement.

Conservation Ambassador – Welcome visitors; help people find information and register for programs; assist with nature shop sales and equipment loan.

Conservation Naturalist – Assist with and present programs for youth and adults; help create new activities and discovery stations for events; represent the nature center at off-site community programs.

Animal Care Assistant – Feed, clean and care for various native amphibians, reptiles and fish on a weekly or monthly basis; occasionally set up new displays for live animals.

Naturescaping Team – Manage the native garden beds including mulching, weeding, transplanting and collecting seed; assist with public inquiries regarding the flowers and plants they see.

For more information or to receive an application, please stop in or contact Steven Juhlin at 573-290-5218 or steven.juhlin@mdc.mo.gov.



Jane and Bree feeding minnows to the turtles



Checking in with Judy



Learning archery is fun with Jeanie

Volunteer Milestones

100 Hours

Chuck Penland

200 Hours

Ivas Dambrauskas

Jamie Koehler

300 Hours

Debbie Gregory

400 Hours

Jennifer Behnken

1250 Hours

Carolyn Huter

1500 Hours

Ken Jones

2000 Hours

Kenny Schiwitz

Tadpoles

(Shared nature experiences for 0-2 year olds and an attending adult.)



December

Saturday, December 21-9 or 10 AM

What's Wild?

Do we need to take care of wild animals like we do our pets? They need similar things, so what's different? Engage your little one in stories and activities as we compare the lives of wild and tame animals. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins December 3.**

January

Saturday, January 18-9 or 10 AM

Eagles, Eagles Everywhere!

Soaring, diving, and perching these big beautiful birds can be found here all year, but there's even more in winter! We will explore the exciting life of an eagle through songs, stories, and activities. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins January 2.**

February

Saturday, February 22-9 or 10 AM

Wake up Woodchucks!

It's February and time for woodchucks to wake up! Do they know if spring will be early or late? Only their shadow knows. Bring your little one to watch and listen as our woodchuck puppet tells his story. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins February 1.**

Kids' Club Program Information

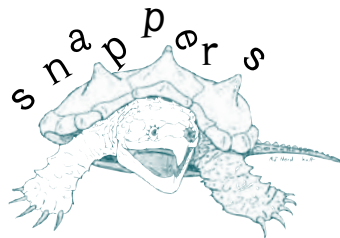
December

Saturday, December 14

10-11:30 AM

Nature's Gifts

It's the time of year for gift giving! Making a gift by hand shows you care. Discover great gifts that can be made with a few simple items you might find in your own backyard. To keep it a surprise, parents won't be allowed to join. Parents may drop participants off at 10 AM and should return by 11:30 AM. **Ages 7-11. Registration begins December 3.**



January

Saturday, January 11

10-11:30 AM

Outdoor Survival Kits

Could you survive the wild? When you've been out hunting or camping this thought might have crossed your mind. Wouldn't you like to be prepared? Learn how to use Missouri's natural resources to survive. We will assemble a compact survival kit. **Ages 7-11. Registration begins January 2.**

February

Saturday, February 8

1-4 PM

Maple Sugaring

Please bring your families to Maple Sugaring. **Ages 7-11. No registration required.**

Mudpuppies

(45-minute indoor/outdoor programs for 3-6 year olds and an attending adult.)



December

Saturday, December 14-10 AM or 11:30 AM

Tuesday, December 17-9 AM or 11 AM

Where to Go in Winter

Brrrrr, it's cold outside and lots of animals go somewhere to stay warm. They all can't go south, so where are they? Find out where animals like to go in winter through inside activities and outside exploration. **Ages 3-6. Registration begins December 3.**

January

Saturday, January 11-10 AM or 11:30 AM

Tuesday, January 14-9 AM or 11 AM

Trail Trackin'

Whether you tiptoe or tromp in, beat feet to the Nature Center to discover all about tracks and other signs left by busy animals. We will make our own tracks and do some trackin' on the trails outside. **Ages 3-6. Registration begins January 2.**

February

Saturday, February 1-10 AM or 11:30 AM

Tuesday, February 4-9 AM or 11 AM

Oh Baby, Opossums!

Guess who's expecting up to thirteen new babies this month? That's right, opossums! There's more than meets the eye with these unique critters. Crawl on in to learn all about opossums and their hidden secrets. **Ages 3-6. Registration begins January 15.**

March

Saturday, March 1-10 AM or 11:30 AM

Tuesday, March 4-9 AM or 11 AM

It's a Jet, It's a Plane, No - It's a Raptor!

Look out below! Raptors are great at diving from the sky and grasping their prey. How do they do that? We'll explore the ways raptors are fast and fantastic hunters and try some "raptor flying" of our own outside! **Ages 3-6. Early registration begins February 15. Registration begins February 15.**

January

Saturday, January 18

9-11 AM

Predator Hunting and Calling

Join us for an informative and interactive session on predator hunting. We will discuss needed equipment, rules and regulations, set-ups, and other important topics. You will even walk away with your own predator call! Attendees that are interested will be entered into a drawing to participate in a coyote hunt at a later date. **Ages 12-15. Registration begins January 2.**



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DECEMBER

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Programs are free. Call 573-290-5218 to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list.

Missourians care about conserving forests, fish and wildlife.

Nature Art: Nature's Decor

December 7 • Saturday • 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM or 3 PM

Early registration begins November 15 (ages 18+)

Deck the halls with boughs of holly... the holidays are just around the corner and we're in the mood to decorate! We'll use nature's resources to create wonderful winter wreaths, swags, and garlands. You provide a grapevine wreath (you choose the size and shape you want) and we'll provide everything else to do your decorating.

Blood Drive

December 19 • Thursday • 1–6 PM

The holidays are a time for giving. What better gift to give than the gift of life by donating blood. Do you know that each unit donated saves three lives? Everyone is so busy during the holidays, making blood supplies especially low in the winter. Please make time to schedule an appointment to donate blood—you'll feel great knowing you gave the greatest gift of all! Ages 16 and up (16 year-olds must complete paperwork with parental consent prior to donating). Walk-ins will be accepted, but donors are encouraged to register for appointment times at www.redcrossblood.org.

Nature Shop Sale December 17-21

HOLIDAY
SALE

Last minute shopping got you flustered? Escape the hustle and bustle and relax while completing your gift list in the nature shop--and receive 20%* off all nature shop items!

*Conservation Heritage Card discounts do not apply.

Nature Center at Night: Mammals of Missouri

December 19 • Thursday • 5–8 PM

No registration required (all ages)

Learn fascinating facts about Missouri's wild mammals – many of which make their homes in the diverse habitats of southeast Missouri. Find out what they are, where they live, and how they survive. Attend one of the two naturalist-led mammal presentations at 6 or 7 pm. Youth and adult groups welcome.

Art Gallery-December

Visit the nature center art gallery to view "The Beauty of Birds and Bugs: Two Artists – Two Perspectives." This unique showcase is a collection of carved feathers and butterflies by Steve Moore as well as graphite, colored pencil, and ink drawings by AJ Hendershott.

Conservation Destination: General Watkins

December 28 • Saturday • 9 AM–2 PM

Registration begins December 3 (ages 8+)

Walking through General Watkins Conservation Area is a great way to spend time with family during the holidays. We'll venture along the Schlosser Loop trail and then walk Cemetery Ridge trail after a lunch break. Total distance approximately 3 miles. Easy walking. Bring a lunch and drink. Dress for the weather.

We help people discover nature.

Art Gallery-December

Drop by the nature center's auditorium gallery during December to admire artwork submitted by the contestants of the Junior Duck Stamp Contest. This annual contest highlights the talents of many young artists.

Discovery Table: Who's for Dinner?

December 28 • Saturday • 1–4 PM

No registration required (all ages)

If you give a hoot, you definitely won't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about Missouri's owls. Swoop on by anytime between 1-4 pm to see what makes an owl such an amazing predator. You'll also discover what's on the owl's menu by getting the chance to dissect a real owl pellet.

Christmas Bird Count

Christmas Bird Counts are held throughout the Americas this winter. There are various opportunities in this region for you to assist with these bird research counts. No experience required.

For details and regional locations/dates, check under "listings" at www.mobirds.org or e-mail sebirding@yahoo.com.

Why does a male deer lose its antlers?

Deer are members of the family Cervidae (along with mule deer, elk, moose, and caribou). They each grow and drop their antlers annually. Fallen antlers are called sheds.

Antlers are used during the mating season for display to the females and for sparring with other males. Once mating season is over, the old worn antlers begin to loosen because of bone reabsorption at the base and a decreased output of testosterone. Nourishment may also play a role, since healthy bucks will keep their antlers longer.

Each year antler growth begins in the spring and is based on the age, health, and nutrition of the buck – a visual sign of the season's best mate. While growing, the antler consists of a bony core covered by a skin called "velvet". Once the blood supply stops in late summer, the velvet drops off. Bucks rub their antlers against trees to help remove the velvet and polish the hardened bone. Get outside from late December to mid-February to look for sheds near deer trails and fences.

—Michelle Randecker

Holiday Closings

The nature center will be closed Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1. The White Oak Trace trail will be open.

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Feeding Frenzy

January 9 • Thursday • 1–3 PM

No registration required (all ages)

Ever wonder what it takes to keep all of the nature center reptiles, amphibians, and fish happy? Thanks to some amazing animal care volunteers, they are fed a delicious smorgasbord of crickets, worms, minnows, and more! Drop by to visit with the volunteers and staff as they feed the hungry critters.

Nature Center at Night: Eye on Eagles

January 9 • Thursday • 5–8 PM

No registration required (all ages)

Everyone can recognize eagles by their white heads, but there's more to these birds than meets the eye. Take a closer look at what makes our nation's symbol so amazing! Come-and-go displays and a 45-minute presentation at 6pm.

Nature Art: New Year's Resolution - Get Outdoors More

January 9 • Thursday • 6:30–8 PM

Early registration begins December 15 (ages 16+)

Let's make a fun resolution this year! Make a two page interactive scrapbook layout that you can add a picture to for each of the coming seasons as you get outdoors and explore nature. Just bring two 12"x12" page protectors and we'll supply the rest.

Homeschool Special: Tree Tapping

January 16 • Thursday • 10–11:30 AM or 1–2:30 PM

Registration begins January 2 (Ages 6+)

Tis' the season for maple sugaring! Before you can enjoy sweet maple syrup, you've got to collect the sap. Learn how to identify Sugar maple trees and select the right ones to tap. Then go outside to try your hand at tapping the trees. This program only covers the tree tapping portion. Join us February 8 for our Maple Sugaring event to learn the rest of the syrup story. Dress for the weather.

Conservation Destination: Winter Birds at Duck Creek

January 25 • Saturday • 10 AM–3:30 PM

Registration begins January 2 (ages 8+)

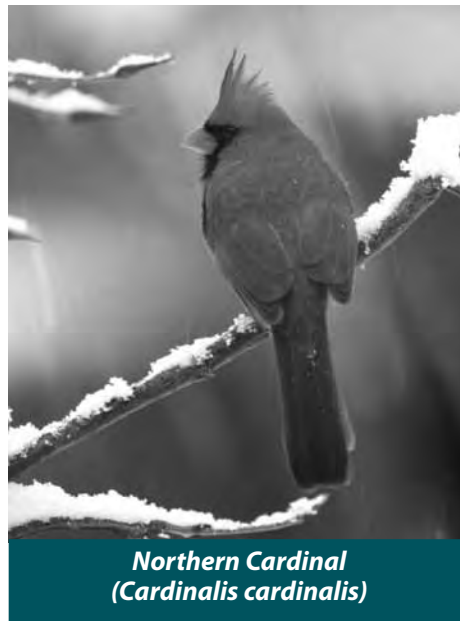
There's more to Duck Creek Conservation Area than hunting and fishing! We will explore the back roads and wetlands to find some of the "hot spots" for birds such as overwintering waterfowl. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours.

Discovery Table: Predator Hunting and Calling

January 25 • Saturday • 1–4 PM

No registration required (all ages)

Predator hunting can be action-packed and is available at times of the year when other hunting seasons are not open. This sport is fun and exciting and it can initially be very inexpensive to get into. Discover how to get started hunting predators by exploring needed equipment, rules and regulations, set-ups, calling, decoys and other topics. Youth and adult groups welcome.



Northern Cardinal
(*Cardinalis cardinalis*)

Common permanent resident in brushy woodlands, parks, yards, hedgerows, and thickets where it forages on the ground or in shrubs for insects, spiders, seeds, fruits, and berries. The "redbird" is a frequent visitor to bird feeders for sunflower and other seeds. Adult male upperparts are bright red with darker wings and tail. The head is crested. The area around the bill is black, and the large conical bill is red. Underparts are bright red. Females are buffy tan below and grayish brown above, otherwise similar to male with reddish tinges in wings, tail, and crest.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is located in North Cape Girardeau County Park off Kingshighway just east of Interstate 55 at exit 99.

The Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is operated through hunting and fishing license revenues and through the 1/8% "Design for Conservation" sales tax. There is no admission charge.

BUILDING HOURS

Tuesday–Saturday: 8 AM–5 PM

Closed Sundays, Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas

AREA HOURS

Daily: Sunrise–10 PM in accordance with the Cape Girardeau County Park

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Nature center grounds and trails are closed to pets, horses, hunting, collecting, littering, fires, and alcoholic beverages. The trails are also closed to bicycles, jogging, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, and motorized vehicles.

Phone: 573/290-5218

Fax: 573/290-5566

Conservation pays by enriching our economy and quality of life.

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Art Gallery-January

Take the opportunity this month to view "Wild Missouri," a collection of outdoor photography by Aaron Palmer.

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Conservation Destination: Hickory Canyons and Pickle Springs

February 1 • Saturday • 9 AM–4 PM

Early registration begins January 15 (ages 8+)

Hickory Canyons Natural Area is an excellent winter destination. Ripples of water flowing over sandstone clefts form beautiful ice sculptures that are visible from the trail. Nearby Pickle Springs Natural Area offers wonderful scenic views and interesting canyon rock faces. Trails rated moderate and difficult. Bring a sack lunch and drink. Dress for the weather.

Discovery Table: Winter Tree ID

February 1 • Saturday • 1–4 PM

No registration required (all ages)

Can you identify a tree solely by its bark or the shape of its trunk? Can you read the subtle clues of a leafless twig to figure out what kind of tree it came from? Stop by the nature center to talk trees, and learn to identify some of our common Missouri species. Youth and adult groups welcome.

Habitat for Bluebirds

February 6 • Thursday • 6–7:30 PM, 6:45–8:15 PM, or 7:30–9 PM

Early registration begins January 15 (all ages; ages under 16 require an adult)

Bluebirds are a joy to have around and providing housing for them is a fun way to help their populations grow. You or your family can learn tips to be a good bluebird landlord and construct a nest box to take home. All materials provided. Select one of three timeframes to attend.

Maple Sugaring

February 8 • Saturday • 1–4 PM

No registration required (all ages)

Discover one of the forest's sweetest gifts. Maple sugaring is rich in history and still practiced today. Learn the history, equipment, and process of making maple syrup.

Bringing Martins Home

February 11 • Tuesday • 6:30–7:30 PM

No registration required (ages 8+)

Purple martins rely on man-made nesting structures for survival and watching them interact around your yard can be exciting. Whether you're trying to attract martins, have an existing colony or are just interested in learning more, you'll enjoy this program.

Art Gallery-February

Visit the gallery this month to view a sampling of art and craft projects from our monthly Nature Art programs.

Hunter Education: Classroom Session

February 12 • Wednesday • 5:30–9:30 PM

This classroom session will satisfy part one of Missouri Hunter Education requirements. To obtain hunter education certification you must also attend a skills session. Students must be 11 years of age at the start of the class and those 15 and under must also provide proof of age. To register for this course and/or to gain more information visit <http://mdc.mo.gov/node/3722>.

Nature Center at Night: Wild Valentines

February 13 • Thursday • 5–8 PM

No registration required (all ages)

Wild animals do some pretty silly things to attract a mate—from puffing out a vocal sac to strutting and dancing. Learn more about these ridiculous rituals by attending one of the family-friendly, naturalist led presentations at 5, 6, or 7 PM. You'll also get a chance to make a wild valentine to give to someone you love.

Nature Art: Pastel Notes

February 13 • Thursday • 6:30–8 PM

Registration begins February 1 (ages 16+)

Use pastels to create a small 4" x 6" winter scene that can be used for a note card or displayed as a small piece of art.

Women's Winter Trout Fishing

February 15 • Saturday • 9–11:30 AM

Registration begins January 2 (ages 16+)

Rainbows are just around the corner at Rotary Lake in Jackson City Park! Learn some tricks and techniques to catching the beautiful rainbow trout. Everyone must have a valid Missouri fishing permit. Anyone interested in keeping trout must also have a trout permit.

The Great Backyard Bird Count February 14-17

Count birds in your backyard, at a local park, or anywhere. Involve the family and participate anytime during the weekend. For details on participating, visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc.

Hunter Education: Skills Session

February 19 • Wednesday • 5:30–9:30 PM

This skills session will satisfy part two of Missouri Hunter Education requirements. To obtain hunter education certification you must also attend part one (online, self-study or a classroom session) and bring along your skills session qualifier certificate. The final exam will be administered at the end of the skills session. To register for this course and/or to gain more information visit <http://mdc.mo.gov/node/3722>.

FEBRUARY

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Programs are free. Call 573-290-5218 to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list.

Family Duck Decoy Making

February 21–22 • Friday • 6–10 PM & Saturday 8 AM–2 PM

Registration begins February 1 (ages 8+)

Make a beautiful cork decoy to use for waterfowl hunting or as unique art. Learn duck identification, duck ecology and decoy history as you sculpt and paint your own decoy. Cost for materials is \$15. Children under 12 must be accompanied by adult.

Antler Scoring

February 22 • Saturday • 9:00 AM–NOON

No registration required (all ages)

Now that your antlers have dried for the required 60 days, it's time to check the official score. We will have official measurers on duty from multiple organizations including Missouri Show-Me Big Bucks Club, Boone and Crockett Club, and Pope and Young Club. Antlers do not have to be from this past season and shed antlers are welcome as well. Bring your antlers to the nature center anytime between 9 AM and Noon and see what your deer scores!

Coming in March

Garden Tour: Proper Pruning

March 1 • Saturday • 1–2:30 PM

No registration required (ages 8+)

Proper pruning encourages abundant flowers, fruits and nuts and also helps reduce infestation and disease. Discover tips and techniques during this hands-on pruning walk through the landscaped beds

Native Plant & Garden Seminar

March 8 • Saturday • TBD

Registration begins February 1 (ages 18+)

The Missouri Department of Conservation and the Cape Girardeau County Master Gardeners host the ninth annual native plant and garden seminar. Call the nature center about session times and other guest speakers. Registration is free and seating is limited for each session.

It's not too late to receive free teaching materials or get your school enrolled in the program. There's even a summer school option now!

Nature Deficit Tidbit

Studies have shown that students who spend more time outside in nature are better problem solvers!

Educators' Niche



Please contact Bridget Jackson, for information about upcoming trainings and workshops, at bridget.jackson@mdc.mo.gov or call 573-290-5858 ext 4464.

Discover Nature Schools

The Discover Nature Schools (DNS) program provides new and interesting curriculum that incorporates hands-on outdoor activities featuring Missouri ecosystems. **Teaching students outside has been shown to help improve test scores and help with behavior issues.** Each unit comes with excellent teacher and student guides. These materials are free to public, private, or homeschool educators. Grant monies are also available for field trips and supplies for K-12 teachers in the public or private school sectors.

*Conservation Heritage Card discounts do not apply

What's HOT in the NATURE SHOP!

December

Show-Me Herps

An uncommonly colorful guide to 50 cool amphibians and reptiles in Missouri. Produced in the format of the popular Show-Me Bugs book, this guide to 50 salamanders, toads, frogs, turtles, lizards and snakes will charm naturalists of all ages. Illustrator Steve Buchanan—who so stunningly brought Missouri insects to life in Show-Me Bugs—works his same magic here.



Discounted price:
\$6.36 plus tax

Show-Me Bugs

Show-Me Bugs introduces you to Missouri's most fascinating and most ecologically important wildlife. Use it to get to know some of the little creatures that help keep the Show-Me state clean, green and natural. This book is finely detailed with full-color illustrations. It is fun to read, perfect for kids, families, teachers and gardeners.



Discounted price:
\$6.36 plus tax

The Nature Shop features a variety of nature-related books, videos/DVDs, and resources to increase awareness and knowledge of conservation and the outdoors.

20% Off*
these monthly specials!

January/February

Tried and True Plants

Gardeners will find this book indispensable. Its 60-plus pages catalog 111 wildflowers, ferns, grasses, sedges, vines, shrubs, and trees for every imaginable landscape use with notes on growing needs of each. Gorgeous color photos make it suitable for coffee table display.



Discounted price:
\$4.80 plus tax

Missouri Wildflowers

This revised, sixth edition has a new look. Dennison's classic now has larger pages, type and pictures for improved readability. Colored tabs have been added for easier location of flower color groups. The taxonomy has been updated in accordance with the most current naming conventions.



Discounted price:
\$11.20 plus tax



Frost Flower

There are a few plants like Dittany that form "frost-flowers." With the first severe freezes of winter, water in the roots and stems is squeezed out of cracks in the stems, forming ribbonlike ice of amazing structures, the bands about 2" wide in elegant bows.

Nature Shop Sale December 17-21

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Check out our QR code!



Maple Sugaring

Saturday, February 8, 2014

1 – 4 pm

Learn the entire process of making maple syrup.
From sap to a sweet treat!



NATIVE PLANT & GARDEN SEMINAR

Saturday, March 8

The Missouri Department of Conservation and the Cape Girardeau County Master Gardeners are partnering for the ninth annual seminar. Using native plants in your landscape benefits wildlife, adds variety and color to your landscape and is a great alternative to the traditional manicured lawn. Call for more information about event activities, guest speakers, and registration requirements. Seminar is free and registration begins February 1.



Native Plant Sale



Purchasing native plants in southeast Missouri is not always easy. If you want to get started, a Missouri supplier will be on hand during the seminar so you can purchase native plants for your landscape. You can do so by stopping by the nature center anytime during the day or visit www.grownative.org to learn more about native species and suppliers.

